

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected all of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112 for being indefinite, in particular, pointing out that the term "value" could be interpreted in a number of different ways. The term "activity" has been substituted for value throughout the claims. Support for this Amendment is found on Page 2, line 19 to Page 3, line 8 and on Page 11, lines 8-16. The claims have also been amended for clarification purposes.

The claims have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Detore et al in view of Fernholz. Detore shows a database 22 that contains data such as stock indices, interest rates and financial data. Col. 3, lines 16-25. Detore discloses an automated system which makes a decision based upon certain rules in the database 24. Column 3, lines 26-36 Detore et al. has a system that automatically makes a decision. The Applicant, on the other hand, has a method and system in which the activities and investments are listed which gives on-line access to the user to make a decision as to an investment based upon the activities listed in which this investment is directly or indirectly involved. Applicant's method also provides information on the extent of the activities listed engaged in by the investment being searched. This is important because if the extent of involvement in a disfavored activity by an investment was de minimis, an investor would not likely be influenced by this fact. Page 7, lines 5-7, and lines 11-14 of Specification.

New dependent claims 7 and 8 have been added to specifically add the extent of involvement of an investment in each favored or disfavored activity on the list of activities.

Detore et al. discloses a system for the computer automatically making a decision based upon stored information utilizing stored rules. Col. 3, lines 15-36. The Applicant, on the other hand, has developed a method that is interactive with the user making a decision and selecting an investment based upon the user's criteria. The Applicant's method provides the information concerning the activities that various investment firms are directly or indirectly engaged in with the user making the decision as to whether to invest in a particular fund or not.

The Examiner also cites Fernholz stating that it would obvious to use the invention of Detore et al. to utilize the Internet as disclosed in Fernholz. Fernholz basically discloses an automatic security trading system to manage a portfolio of securities. Col. 7, lines 5-16.

The Fernholz system is also automatic in that it manages a portfolio of securities in buying and selling those securities according to certain criteria.

The combination of Detore et al and Fernholz does not disclose the Applicant's method and system. The combination of Detore et al. and Fernholz discloses a method and system which automatically makes decisions. In the Applicant's method, the user makes the decision concerning an investment based upon information provided concerning the activities engaged in by each investment. The user makes his or her own decision on an investment after being supplied with the necessary information concerning activities the investor is interested in knowing about before making an investment decision.

Thus, the combination of Detore et al. and Ferholz does not disclose or even suggest Applicant's method and system.

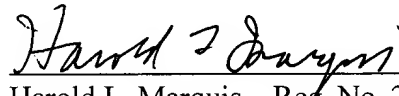
CONCLUSION

The claims have been amended to overcome the rejection based upon 35 U.S.C. §112. The combination of Detore et al. and Fernholz does not disclose or even suggest Applicant's method and system.

New claims 7 and 8 have been added. Thus, claims 1-8 are pending in the application.

The Examiner's consideration of the claims and an early allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions, the Applicant's Attorney can be reached at the telephone number provided below.

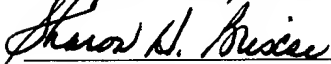
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